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*Title:* Controlling Helix Handedness in Water-Soluble Quinoline Oligoamide Foldamers

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#### S1 CD Studies on chiral Q<sub>Y</sub> monomer units and compounds 8 – 11

CD spectra were recorded on a Jasco J-815 Circular Dichroism spectrometer using quartz cells of 2 mm optical path length. Scans were measured at 20 °C, over a wavelength range of 230 – 500 nm, with a response time of 0.5 s and a scanning speed of 100 nm/min. The CD data represent an average of two scans. All CD were baseline-corrected for signal contributions due to solvent (monomers: MeCN, foldamers: CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S1: CD spectra of: (a) *S*-Q<sub>Morph</sub> (configuration confirmed by XRD, see S4); (b) 1*S*-methyl 8-(1-(4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl)-4-methoxy-quinoline-2-carboxylate (putative precursor to *S*-Q<sub>Pip</sub>, configuration inferred from comparison with (a)); (c) 1*R*- methyl 8-(1-(4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl)-4-methoxy-quinoline-2-carboxylate (precursor to *R*-Q<sub>Pip</sub>, configuration inferred from comparison with (d)); (d) *R*-Q<sub>Morph</sub> (configuration confirmed by XRD, see S4); (e) *R*-Q<sub>Pip</sub> (configuration inferred from comparison with (d)).



Figure S2: CD spectra of: (a) S- $Q_{Phen}$ ; (b) R- $Q_{Phen}$ . Configurations inferred from comparison of CD sign of band at 290 – 310 nm with that of  $Q_{Morph}$  monomer.



Figure S3: CD spectra of: (a) 8 free base; (b) 8 HCl salt; (c) 9 free base; (d) 9 HCl salt; (e) 10 free base; (f) 10 HCl salt.

#### S2 NMR stability studies on compounds 4, 8 and 11

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were measured at 300 MHz. Chemical shifts are calibrated against residual solvent signals of CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  = 7.26), DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  = 2.50), MeOH-d<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  = 3.31), or D<sub>2</sub>O (4.79).

#### **Compound 4**

Stability of both *P*-4 and *M*-4 were assessed in DMSO- $d_6$  at room temperature over 7 days (Figures S4 and S5 respectively).



Figure S4. Carboxamide region of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for *P*-4 at room temperature in  $d_6$ -DMSO at: (a) t = 5 min; (b) t = 2 h; (c) t = 72 h; (d) t = 7 days. Note equilibrated mixture consists of approximately 70% *P*-4.



Figure S5. Carboxamide region of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for *M*-4 at room termperature in  $d_6$ -DMSO at: (a) t = 5 min; (b) t = 2 h; (c) t = 48 h; (d) t = 72 h; (e) t = 7 days. Note equilibrated mixture consists of approximately 70% *P*-4.

Stability of **8** was assessed in MeCN-d<sub>3</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> (3:1) (Figure S6), MeOH-d<sub>3</sub> (Figure S7) and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (Figure S8) taking into account known half lives of handedness equilibration in these solvents.<sup>[1]</sup>



Figure S6. Carboxamide region of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for **9** at room temperature in (a) CDCl<sub>3</sub>; (b) MeCN-d<sub>3</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> (3:1) after 10 minutes.



Figure S7: Carboxamide region of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for **9** at room temperature in MeOH-d<sub>3</sub> at: (a)  $t = 5 \min$  (b) t = 2 h; (c) t = 20 h.



Figure S8: Carboxamide region of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for **9** at room temperature in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at: (a) t = 5 min (b) t = 5 h; (c) t = 48 h; (d) t = 14 days; (e) t = 4 weeks.

Stability of **11** was assessed in D<sub>2</sub>O (Figure S9).



Figure S9. Carboxamide region of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for **11** at: (a) t = 5 min at room temperature (b) t = 15 h at 40 °C; (c) t = 48 h at 40 °C.

#### S3 RP-HPLC stability studies on compounds 4 and 5

RP-HPLC analyses were performed at 1.5 mL min<sup>-1</sup> using a Machery-Nagel Nucleodur C18 Gravity column (4.6 x 100 mm, 3  $\mu$ m). The mobile phase was composed of 0.1% ( $\nu/\nu$ ) TFA-H<sub>2</sub>O (Solvent A) and 0.1% TFA-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (Solvent B) running the following gradients: 5–30% B over 13 min, then 30–100% B over 5 min (System A), 5–100% B over 13 min then 100% B for 5 min (System B), or 20–60% B over 25 min then 60–100% B for 5 min (System C). Monitoring by UV detection was carried out at 214 nm, 254 nm and 300 nm using a diode array detector.

#### **Compound 4**

Unknown

2 Unknown

9,82

10.20

110211

*P*-4 and *M*-4 were dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O at approximately 60  $\mu$ M concentration and analyzed by RP-HPLC using System A after 30 minutes, 72 hours and 5 days at room temperature (Figures S10 – S15, showing response at 300 nm).



Figure S10: <i>P</i> -4 after 30 min at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 99.3% of total area (98.6% de).	

99,33

0.6

99,22

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N/A

6152

8209

2,500

1,26

1.23

183803

143



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#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
1	Unknown	3	10,017	1052032	179558	99,318	99,211	N/A	70958	2,653	1,314	
2	Unknown	3	10,400	7222	1428	0,682	0,789	N/A	89155	N/A	1,149	

Figure S11: P-4 after 72 h at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 99.3% of total area (98.6% de).



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#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
1	Unknown	3	10,050	1068014	187234	99,298	99,207	N/A	75285	2,672	1,324	
2	Unknown	3	10,425	7548	1496	0,702	0,793	N/A	95550	N/A	1,308	

Figure S12: P-4 after 5 days at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 99.3% of total area (98.6% de)



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1	# Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
Γ	1 Unknown	3	9,775	45476	5113	5,430	3,804	N/A	21298	1,567	N/A	
Ľ	2 Unknown	3	10,108	792021	129290	94,570	96,196	N/A	65040	N/A	1,245	

Figure S13: *M*-4 after 30 min at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 94.6% of total area (89.1% de).



	Pea.	k information	1										
	#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
	1	Unknown	3	9,850	40667	4684	5,184	3,532	N/A	21362	1,520	N/A	
I	2	Unknown	3	10,167	743770	127947	94,816	96,468	N/A	75194	N/A	1,251	

Figure S14: *M*-4 after 72 h at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 94.8% of total area (89.6% de).



Pe	ak Informatioi	n										
#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
	1 Unknown	3	10,017	40225	5309	5,130	3,656	N/A	26150	1,352	N/A	
	2 Unknown	3	10,275	743912	139892	94,870	96,344	N/A	92123	N/A	1,267	

Figure S15: M-4 after 5 days at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 94.9% of total area (89.7% de).

*P*-5 and *M*-5 were dissolved in DMSO to approximately 10 mM concentration, then immediately diluted with  $H_2O$  to 60  $\mu$ M concentration and analyzed by RP-HPLC using System C after 30 minutes, 72 hours and 5 days at room temperature (Figures S16 – S21, showing response at 300 nm).



Pe	ak informatioi	n										
#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
	Unknown	3	14,367	140788	17675	98,415	98,415	N/A	79670	N/A	1,451	
1	Unknown	3	14,683	2268	285	1,585	1,585	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Figure S16: P-5 after 30 min at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 98.4% of total area (96.8% de).



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#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor
	lUnknown	3	16,983	115187	18934	98,043	97,786	N/A	190357	N/A	1,455
	2 Unknown	3	17,217	2299	429	1,957	2,214	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Figure S17: P-5 after 72 h at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 98.0% of total area (96.1% de).



Pe	eak information	1										
#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
	1 Unknown	3	14,392	137809	17993	98,232	98,120	N/A	87790	N/A	1,386	
	2Unknown	3	14,700	2481	345	1,768	1,880	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Figure S18: P-5 after 5 days at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 98.2% of total area (96.5% de).



#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
	1 Unknown	3	14,242	15123	1816	2,600	2,643	N/A	64361	1,309	N/A	
	2 Unknown	3	14,525	566451	66919	97,400	97,357	N/A	76929	N/A	1,521	

Figure S19: M-5 after 30 min at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 97.4% of total area (94.8% de).



Pe	eak information	n										
#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
	1 Unknown	3	14,442	4878	695	2,480	2,857	N/A	88361	1,476	1,182	
	2 Unknown	3	14,733	191789	23618	97,520	97,143	N/A	85134	N/A	1,532	

Figure S20: *M*-5 after 72 h at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 97.5% of total area (95.0% de).



r cak information													
	#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	
	1	Unknown	3	14,733	4909	730	2,124	2,435	N/A	109456	1,535	1,105	
	2	Unknown	3	15,017	226176	29240	97,876	97,565	N/A	97916	N/A	1,524	

Figure S21: M-5 after 5 days at room temperature. Product peak accounts for 97.9% of total area (95.4% de).

#### S4 Crystallography

*R*-Q<sub>Morph</sub> and *S*-Q<sub>Morph</sub> monomers were crystallized via liquid-liquid diffusion of Et<sub>2</sub>O into a solution of the compound in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. X-ray analyses were carried out at the IECB X-ray facility (UMS 3033 CNRS, INSERM US001, Bordeaux University) on a High flux RIGAKU FRX rotating anode at the Cu K $\alpha$  wavelength. The diffractometer was equipped with a partial Chi 3 circles goniometer and a hybrid pixel detector DECTRIS PILATUS<sup>®</sup> 200K 20Hz. The crystals of both enantiomers were collected at 100 K and mounted on cryo-loops after quick soaking on Paratone-N oil from Hampton research before flash-frozen. The data were processed using the RIGAKU CrystalClear© suite version 2.1 b25.<sup>[2]</sup> Both structures were solved using the charge flipping algorithm implemented in SUPERFLIP<sup>[3]</sup> and refined using SHELX-2013 through the integrated WinGX system.<sup>[4]</sup> The positions of most of the H atoms were determined from fourier difference maps analysis or deduced from coordinates of the non-H atoms and confirmed by Fourier synthesis. H atoms were included for structure factor calculations and their positions refined for some of them (see cif files). The non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic temperature parameters.The *S*-Q<sub>Morph</sub> monomer crystallized as a zwitterion.

Data statistics are shown in Table S1.

Name	R-Q <sub>Morph</sub>	S-Q <sub>Morph</sub>
CCDC number	990870	990871
Formula	$C_{18}H_{24}N_2O_5$	$C_{18}H_{24}N_2O_5$
Μ	348.39	348.39
Crystal system	P212121	P212121
Space group	orthorhombic	orthorhombic
a/Å	8.7300(17)	8.7041(17)
b/Å	11.006(2)	10.823(2)
c/Å	18.862(4)	18.873(4)
U/Å <sup>3</sup>	1812.3(6)	1778(6)
T /K	100(2)	100(2)
Z	4	4
ρ/g cm <sup>-1</sup>	1.277	1.301
Size (mm)	0.1 x 0.05 x 0.05	0.05 x 0.03 x 0.001
λ/ Å	1.5419	1.5419
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.772	0.787
Unique data	3275	2400
Parameters / Restraints	234 / 0	230 / 0
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0472, $wR2 = 0.1336$	R1 = 0.0418, wR2 = 0.1016
Flack factor	0.02(10)	0.12(6)
Goodness of fit	1.077	1.002

 Table S1: X-ray crystallographic data.

### **R-Q**Morph



### S-QMorph



#### S5 Chromatographic data

RP-HPLC analyses were performed at 1.5 mL min<sup>-1</sup> using a Machery-Nagel Nucleodur C18 or C8 Gravity column (4.6 x 100 mm, 3  $\mu$ m). The mobile phase was composed of 0.1% (*v/v*) TFA-H<sub>2</sub>O (Solvent A) and 0.1% TFA-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (Solvent B) running the following gradients: 5–30% B over 13 min, then 30–100% B over 5 min (System A), 5–100% B over 13 min then 100% B for 5 min (System B), or 20–60% B over 25 min then 60–100% B for 5 min (System C). Monitoring by UV detection was carried out at 214 nm, 254 nm and 300 nm using a diode array detector.

#### Compound 4 (crude)



Pea	Peak Information											
#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	
1	Unknown	3	9,717	957540	178118	48,744	49,025	N/A	75635	2,453	1,196	
2	Unknown	3	10,067	999820	183418	50,897	50,484	N/A	77322	2,404	1,119	
3	Unknown	3	10,375	5104	1250	0,260	0,344	N/A	136335	2,402	0,954	
4	Unknown	3	10,633	1947	535	0,099	0,147	N/A	169676	N/A	0,900	

Figure S22: Chromatogram of crude 4 (System A, 300 nm).

### Compound P-4



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#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
1	Unknown	3	9,825	1102111	183803	99,332	99,227	N/A	61529	2,500	1,260	
2	Unknown	3	10,200	7412	1433	0,668	0,773	N/A	82091	N/A	1,238	

Figure S23: Chromatogram of *P*-4 (System A, 300 nm). Purity = 99%.



### Compound M-4

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#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning		
1	Unknown	3	9,775	45476	5113	5,430	3,804	N/A	21298	1,567	N/A			
2	Unknown	3	10,108	792021	129290	94,570	96,196	N/A	65040	N/A	1,245			

Figure S24: Chromatogram of M-4 (System A, 300 nm). Purity = 95%.

### Compound 5 (crude)



Peak Inform	eak Information											
# Peak N	ame CH	tR [min]	Area [µV sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning	
1 Unknown	. 3	14,400	156556	18293	49,877	53,742	N/A	64999	1,357	N/A		
2 Unknown	ı 3	14,708	110149	12107	35,093	35,567	N/A	65530	4,769	N/A		
3 Unknown	ı 3	16,108	16454	1234	5,242	3,625	N/A	32234	1,478	1,264		
4 Unknown	. 3	16,675	6664	460	2,123	1,352	N/A	26498	0,845	1,242		
5 Unknown	ı 3	17,083	12164	676	3,875	1,985	N/A	14929	1,779	2,359		
6 Unknown	1 3	17,792	11893	1269	3,789	3,728	N/A	88499	N/A	1,100		

Figure S25: Chromatogram of crude 5 (System C, 300 nm).

### Compound P-5



Figure S26: Chromatogram of *P*-5 (System C, 300 nm). Purity = 98%.

### Compound M-5



1	reak information												
I	#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
ſ	1	Unknown	3	14,242	15123	1816	2,600	2,643	N/A	64361	1,309	N/A	
I	2	Unknown	3	14,525	566451	66919	97,400	97,357	N/A	76929	N/A	1,521	

Figure S27: Chromatogram of M-5 (System C, 300 nm). Purity = 97%.





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- [	#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning
- 1	1	Unknown	3	6,817	952450	232593	33,967	43,813	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	2	Unknown	3	6,908	1377266	251245	49,118	47,327	N/A	41600	N/A	N/A	
- [	3	Unknown	3	7,133	456300	45286	16,273	8,531	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	-4	Unknown	3	19,775	17996	1751	0,642	0,330	N/A	71645	N/A	1,852	

Figure S28: Chromatogram of crude 6 (System B, 300 nm).



Pe	Peak Information												
#	Peak Name	CH	tR [min]	Area [µV·sec]	Height [µV]	Area%	Height%	Quantity	NTP	Resolution	Symmetry Factor	Warning	
	Unknown	3	7,225	13559	3405	0,701	0,928	N/A	65601	2,797	0,982		
1	Unknown	3	7,575	1908834	361204	98,738	98,437	N/A	48110	16,761	1,331		
1	Unknown	3	9,800	10847	2328	0,561	0,635	N/A	93692	N/A	1,113		

Figure S29: Chromatogram of **11** (System A, 300 nm). Purity = 99%.

#### S6 NMR spectra

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were measured at 300, 400 or 500 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were measured at 75, 100 or 125 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm and are calibrated against residual solvent signals of CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26, 77.2), DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  2.50, 39.4), or D<sub>2</sub>O ( $\delta$  4.79). All coupling constants are reported in hertz (Hz). Signals were abbreviated as s, singlet; brs, broad singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet, dd (doublet of doublets).

### Compound 4 (crude)



# Compound P-4



# Compound M-4



### Compound P-5



### Compound M-5























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